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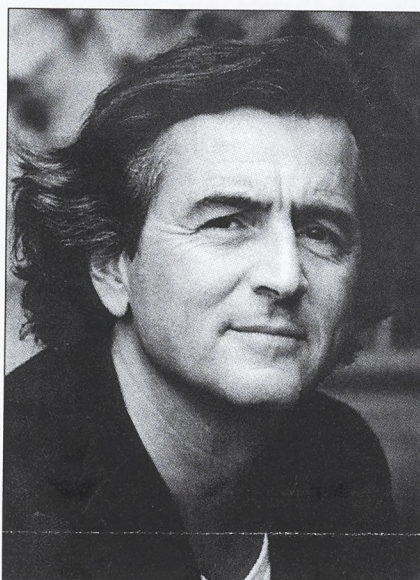
Who Killed Daniel Pearl?

by Sonya K. Fry

"Who Killed Daniel Pearl" (Melville House, 2003) by Bernard-Henri Levy caused quite a stir in Europe and now, on September 4, the OPC will be the first to present the author live in America. The tragedy of Daniel Pearl's death has led Levy to a darker story. What if the people who murdered Danny were not actually fanatic followers of Osama bin Laden? What if he wasn't murdered only because he was Jewish and an American, as is commonly assumed? What if he was murdered because he was on to something?

When Pearl was killed in such a public forum, preceded by conflicting accusations from his captors, Levy became suspicious. He spent the past year retracing the footsteps of his "posthumous friend" and those of his killers. His journey took him to London to investigate the shadowy Omar Sheikh, the British-born, London School of Economics-educated, leader of the underground cell that kidnapped Pearl. He followed the money trail to Dubai and to Islamabad where he was the first Western journalist to gain entry to the forbidding "Mosque of the Taliban," Osama bin Laden's hideout during the Afghanistan bombing. He also talked to the Pearl family in Los Angeles about the encrypted messages their son sent to them.

Levy is among France's most famous philosophers and one of the best selling



Bernard-Henri Levy

authors in Europe. He has written over 30 books including several about the Islamic Middle East, and is a journalist as well. He started his career as a reporter for *Combat*, the famous underground newspaper founded by Albert Camus, covering the war between Pakistan and India over Bangladesh. Levy has also held several diplomatic positions with the French government. In 2002 he headed a French fact-finding mission to Afghanistan in the wake of the war against the Taliban.

The format of the September 4 Book Night will be a discussion, beginning promptly at 6:00pm, between Bernard-Henri Levy and Ron Rosenbaum, columnist for the *New York Observer* and author of "Explaining Hitler" (Random House, 1998). A reception sponsored by the OPC and Levy's publisher, Melville House, will follow.

Please call the OPC office at 212-626-9220 for reservations. Seating will be limited.

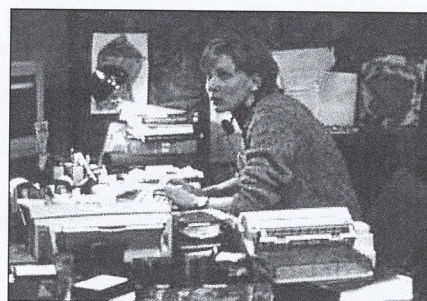
Advance Screening of "Veronica Guerin"

By Sonya K. Fry

A new film based on the life and death of crusading Irish journalist Veronica Guerin is opening in mid-October, but OPC members are invited to an advance private screening on September 30. "Veronica Guerin," which stars Cate Blanchett in the title role, follows Guerin's career as she exposed Dublin's violent underworld.

At the time, the city was nothing short of a war zone, with powerful drug lords battling for control. Their most fearsome opponent was not the police, but Guerin, who covered crime and drugs for Ireland's top-selling newspaper, *The Sunday Independent*. While other journalists depended on phone interviews and press conferences, Guerin worked the streets, writing about the rising problem of heroin use in Dublin.

Those she implicated in the drug trade



Cate Blanchett as Veronica Guerin.

wanted her silenced. In 1995 she received her first warning: A man wearing a hood called Guerin to her front door and shot her in the leg. But she continued her reporting, and in June of 1996, was shot dead. A motorcyclist pulled up alongside her car and pumped six bullets into her body. The murder shocked the country. "She left a legacy and she will never be

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A Fresh Line-up for the OPC Board

by **Shelley Neumeier**

After a close run-off, the OPC board has several new members.

Brian McGlynn, chair of the Judges of the Election Committee, announced the results of the off-year election at the August 18 annual meeting: the *Chicago Tribune's* Jim O'Shea, consultant and writer Kevin McDermott, and Reuters' David Schlesinger, were elected as Active board members. But for the fourth slot, the votes were tied: Cait Murphy of *Fortune* and Rick MacArthur of *Harper's* were in a dead heat. Active OPC members attending the meeting cast their ballots, and chose Cait on the spot, making Rick a board Alternate, along with MSNBC's Michael Moran and the Council on Foreign Relations' Michael Glennon. Ann Charters was voted in as an Associate board member, and Yvonne Dunleavy became an Alternate Associate. About 20% of all OPC members participated in the election, with 132 ballots cast, including nine from abroad.

During the meeting, Treasurer Jackie Simon also reported on the club's finances for the seven months ending July 31, 2003. The numbers showed that, while the club is fiscally sound, income from membership dues dropped compared to the previous year. That sparked a discussion of ways to attract new members. One suggestion, from Reuters' Schlesinger: Try recruiting

young journalists at news conventions and graduate schools.

Freedom of the Press Committee co-chairman Norman Schorr filled members in on some of the committee's recent work, including protest letters sent in support of journalists in Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Iran, Egypt, Pakistan, Belarus, Cameroon, Myanmar (Burma), Ukraine, Algeria and Guatemala. Schorr also told of the OPC Committee's efforts in helping obtain freedom in Indonesia for OPC member and OPC Foundation scholarship winner William Nessen. The OPC received thank-you calls from Nessen's mother, as well as from the wife of French cameraman Fred Nerac, a member of a British Independent Television News (ITN) team, who disappeared in Iraq on March 22. Work of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee is being done by George Bookman, Bill Collins, John Langone, Jeremy Main, John Martin, Cait Murphy, Minky Worden, and co-chairmen Larry Martz, Kevin McDermott and Norman Schorr.

Finally, OPC director Sonya Fry gave a preview of a few of the events slated for the fall. In addition to the September events on page 1 of the current Bulletin, there is a breakfast with the International Women's Media Foundation "Courage in Journalism" awardees planned for October 17. Other programming suggestions included an evening exploring the

situation in North Korea, and a discussion of the importance of foreign correspondents in today's world.

New Foundation Director

Jane Reilly was recently named Executive Director of the Overseas Press Club Foundation, which oversees the scholarship program for aspiring foreign correspondents. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Jane was a senior editor for Fairchild Publications as well as an environmental news reporter for TJFR Publishing. Jane has also served as Executive Manager of the New York Financial Writers Association.



Jane Reilly

Active in her community, she is Mayor of Ridgewood NJ, where she lives with her husband Michael, an actuary, her son Trevor, a sophomore at Villanova, and daughter Kait, a freshman at

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Middle East—Covering the Coverage

by Al Kaff

Hiding the figure of an American woman news photographer, trying to interview Saddam Hussein, newspaper editors in trouble, editors arrested, Iran investigates the death of a photojournalist, broadcasts jammed, situation in Baghdad worse than we've been told, CBS News defends its pitches for an interview, arrest of an author, BBC reports on a suicide.



Julie Jacobson
Spring 2003

A group of men gathered for prayer in Nasiriyah, Iraq, broke with tradition and allowed AP photographer Julie Jacobson to take pictures of them. But they insisted that she be covered with a robe from head to foot. On assignment from San Francisco, Jacobson was embedded with the U.S. 3rd Marine Air Wing during the war.

June 14

Explaining his soft pitch in attempts over nearly three years to interview Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, OPC member Arnaud de Borchgrave, 77, told Howard Kurtz, *The Washington Post's* media reporter: "You don't get an interview by saying, 'I think your policy stinks, you're an SOB and please give me an interview.' That would be ridiculous. You obviously try to ingratiate yourself." So, de Borchgrave, editor-at-large of *The Washington Times* and UPI, wrote to Hussein 2-1/2 years ago that he hoped an interview "would lead to reappraisal of American policy toward Iraq." In another letter to Hussein this January, de Borchgrave said he could "guarantee" that the interview "will have worldwide resonance as well as two entire pages in *The Washington Times*, the newspaper of choice of the Republican establishment." De Borchgrave interviewed Hussein in the 1970s when he was a *Newsweek* correspondent, but his later attempts failed.

June 19

The Washington Post reported that newspaper editors in Kuwait and Saudia

Arabia got in trouble because of what they wrote about their governments. In Kuwait where it is a crime to utter abusive statements against the ruler, authorities charged Mohammed Jassem, editor of *al-Watan* and the Arabic editions of *Newsweek* and *Foreign Policy* magazine, with telling a private gathering that several members of the ruling family were interfering with legislative elections. For two years, Jassem has campaigned against a proposal to give the government more power to shut down newspapers. In Saudi Arabia, the government removed Jamal Khashoggi as editor of a Jiddah newspaper after he argued in print that Saudi clerics had helped the rise of Islamic militancy.

June 25

Sayed Mahdawi, chief editor of *Aftab*, a Kabul weekly, and his deputy, Ali Riza

Payam, were released after a week in prison on charges of publishing articles that defamed Islam. But they still face trial, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said. The journalists were arrested after publishing articles saying the Muslim world had not seen progress in 1,400 years and accusing leaders in Afghanistan's north of building palaces with "bloody hands," AP reported.

July 9

Khaled Abdel-Latif Dumeisi, 60, who publishes an Arabic-language newspaper in Chicago, was arrested by federal agents on charges he provided information on Iraqi opposition groups in the United States to former Iraqi intelligence agents in New York and Baghdad. Dumeisi, a Jordanian citizen who has lived in the United States for the last 10

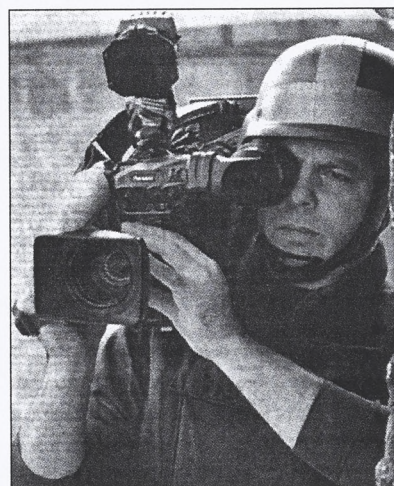
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Cameraman Gunned Down by U.S. Forces

August 17

Mazen Dana, a Reuters cameraman, was shot and killed by American soldiers August 17 while he was filming outside Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison with a group of journalists. A Palestinian, Dana, 43, was the 18th journalist to die in Iraq, the fifth as the result of American fire. A U.S. soldier told Dana's driver that the soldiers mistook Dana's camera for a rocket-propelled grenade. Two correspondents killed by U.S. tank fire since the U.S.-led invasion began March 20 were from Reuters. Tom Glocer, Reuters chief executive, said, "Coming so soon after the death of Taras Protsyuk [of Reuters], and also involving an American tank, this latest death is hard to bear. That's why I am personally calling upon the highest levels of the U.S. government for a full and comprehensive investigation into this terrible tragedy." Letters calling for an investigation were sent to U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld by the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, Reporters Without Borders and the Committee to Protect Journalists, which had presented Dana with an International Press Freedom Award in 2001 for his work in Hebron. U.S. Army Colonel Guy Shields told

reporters in Baghdad, "It is under investigation, and we will do everything in our power to make sure things like this do not happen again." Commenting on Dana's death, Stephan Breitner of France 2 television told AP: "We were all there for at least half an hour. They knew we were journalists. After they shot Mazen, they aimed their guns at us. I don't think it was an accident. They were very tense. They are crazy." (This item was condensed from Sarah Lyall's *New York Times* dispatch from London.)



Reuters cameraman Mazen Dana, at work in Hebron in 2001.

COVERING THE COVERAGE

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years, was charged with conspiracy and acting as an unregistered agent of Saddam Hussein's government. In a 1999 interview with the FBI, Dumeisi said he contacted the Iraqi mission to the United Nations as often as once a week, but he said these meetings were carried out in his role as a journalist.

July 11

Zahra Kazemi, 54, a Canadian freelance photojournalist of Iranian origin, died of a brain hemorrhage in Iran after she was arrested and taken to a hospital



Zahra Kazemi

with cuts and bruises on her face and head. Media reports said she had been beaten into a coma by Iranian police. Iranian President Mohammad Khatami ordered an investigation, calling her arrest "regrettable and worrying," the Islamic Republic News agency reported. Based in Toronto, Kazemi was arrested June 23 while taking pictures of anti-government protests outside Tehran's Evin prison, where many dissidents are jailed.

July 14

Iran's hard-line judiciary arrested journalist Iraj Rastegara, the fourth journalist to be arrested in less than a week during widespread anti-government protests.

July 15

Transmitters in Cuba are jamming television stations that beam programs to Iran in support of Iranian student protests against Tehran's government. Kourosh Abbassi, spokesman for Azadi Television, one of several California stations beaming programs to Iran including Voice of America broadcasts, said: "We've changed frequencies eight or nine times now, and every time we change frequencies it's literally a matter of minutes before we're jammed again."

July 18

Correspondent James Forlong resigned from Britain's Sky News after he was accused of faking a TV report from a British Royal Navy submarine during the Iraq war. The report purported to show the preparation and firing of a cruise missile from HMS Splendid. But a BBC documentary crew filming at the same time said the exercise had been staged for Sky's camera and no missile was fired.

July 20

In a "Week in Review" article, John

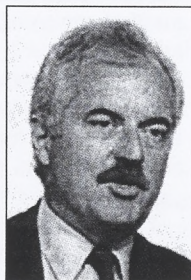


At the Paris Peace Conference in 1919, Prince Feisal, left and T.E. Lawrence

Kifner of *The New York Times* quoted a military analyst who wrote from Baghdad that the public had been led "into a trap from which it will be hard to escape with dignity and honor. They have been tricked into it by a steady withholding of information. The Baghdad communiqués are belated, insincere, incomplete. Things have been far worse than we have been told, our administration more bloody and inefficient than the public knows. We are today not far from a disaster." 2003? No, Kifner was quoting T. E. Lawrence, Lawrence of Arabia, writing in *The Sunday Times* of London on Aug. 22, 1920, about the British occupation of what then was called Mesopotamia.

July 21

OPC member Andrew Heyward, president of CBS News, told members of the Television Critics Association in Holly-



Andrew Heyward

wood that his network did not err when it pursued an interview with Pfc. Jessica Lynch by offering her a TV movie on her capture and release in Iraq, a book proposal and the chance to host her own TV program. "I don't know that we crossed the line between news and entertainment," he said. "To the degree that people misunderstood or thought it was inappropriate, that's not good and we're obviously not going to do it the next time."

July 22

Iraqi police accompanied by U.S. troops raided the offices of *Al-Mustaqila* (The Independent), arrested the Baghdad newspaper's manager, Abdul Sattar Shalan, and closed the paper. U.S. occupation officials said the paper published an article headlined, "Death to all spies and those who cooperate with U.S.; killing them is religious duty." The Coalitional Provisional Authority issued a statement supporting development of a

free and responsible press in Iraq but said *Al-Mustaqila* "has chosen to threaten the basic human rights of Iraqi citizens" and published a "clearly inciteful article." U.S. authorities have banned Iraqi media from publishing or broadcasting material viewed as inciting political, religious or ethnic violence or promoting attacks on U.S. military forces. On these grounds, U.S. authorities earlier shut one Baghdad radio station and a Shiite Muslim newspaper in Najaf, Pamela Constable of *The Washington Post* reported.

July 23

Iranian-Canadian photojournalist Zahra Kazemi was buried in her birthplace in southern Iran despite a demand from Canada that her body be returned to Canada for an autopsy and burial after her death in prison. The Canadian government intervened at the request of her son, who lives in Montreal, and then recalled its ambassador from Iran after the request was ignored. In a letter to Iranian President Mohammad Khatami-Ardakani, the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee also demanded that her body be returned to her family in Canada and "that the investigation into her death is both public and thorough." A week later Iran officially admitted she was beaten to death. "The murder was caused by brain hemorrhage due to a blow inflicted on her," Iranian Vice President Mohammad Ali Abtahi told reporters. Five security agents have been detained in the case, according to reformist legislator Ali Shakourirad, AP reported.

August 4

Kelly Wallace, a CNN correspondent in the Middle East during the war, has been reassigned to New York as a national correspondent. "The shift marks a homecoming for Wallace," the New York *Daily News* reported. "She grew up in Brooklyn."



Kelly Wallace

Aug. 9

Joseph Braude, author of a book on rebuilding Iraq, was charged in Brooklyn Federal Court with smuggling marble and alabaster seals stolen from the Iraqi National Museum. Braude, 38, admitted he bought the 4,000-year-old treasures on the streets of Baghdad for \$200 and hid them inside his suitcase before arriving at New York's Kennedy Airport from

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PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

GORDON CURRIE/BILL SHINN

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia:

The Banda Aceh district court on Aug. 2 convicted OPC member **William Nessen** of reporting from war-torn Aceh Province without informing local authorities. The freelance journalist was sentenced to 40 days in jail, time he had already served, deported and barred from returning to Indonesia for one year. The OPC Freedom of the Press Committee and other international journalists organizations had urged Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri to make sure Nessen could leave the country safely. Nessen, 46, who is married to an Acehnese and who won the OPC's first Dan Eldon Scholarship in 2000, flew to Australia after he was kicked out of Indonesia. He was arrested June 24 after spending several weeks with the separatist Free Aceh Movement in the jungles of northern Indonesia (July/August *Bulletin*). Since a military offensive was launched in Aceh May 19, Indonesian authorities have barred journalists from visiting rebel areas.

BEIJING: Jae Hyun Seok, a South Korean photojournalist, was sentenced to two years in prison in China after he was arrested in January while photographing North Korean refugees trying to board fishing boats in Yantai, China.

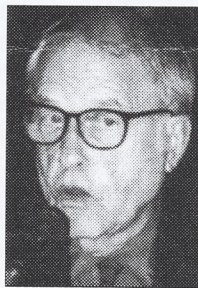
After a period of relative openness, China's press came under new restrictions this summer, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times* reported from Beijing. *The Post's* **John Pomfret** wrote: "The Chinese government, apparently fearing the kind of aggressive reporting that took place during the SARS epidemic and other recent scandals, has launched a media crackdown, closing one newspaper and ordering all publications to stop reporting on sensitive topics, journalists said." Citing a conflict between supporters of President Hu Jintao and his predecessor Jiang Zemin, **Joseph Kahn** of *The Times* wrote: "Editors and journalists say officials considered loyal to Mr. Jiang have sought to reverse a trend toward openness in the government-controlled press and restricted coverage of sensitive topics, including SARS and a corruption

scandal in Mr. Jiang's power base of Shanghai."

The *Beijing New Times*, a small newspaper, was shut down after it published a list of the seven "most nauseating things in China," a parody of the Communist system. The paper criticized the rubber-stamp National People's Congress and wrote that members of the Chinese People's Consultative Conference "are so old they've forgotten their names."

BRASILIA: Two Brazilian journalists were murdered in June within one week of each other—**Melyssa Martins Correia**, an *Oeste Notícias* reporter in São Paulo state, and **Edgar Ribeiro Pereira de Oliveira**, publisher of the weekly *Boca do Povo* in Campo Grande.

FORT MYERS, Florida: **Donald Richie**, a journalist and author who has lived in Japan for more than half a century studying and writing about Japanese films, underwent open heart surgery in April after suffering a heart attack while visiting his sister in Fort Myers. He was in the United States on a lecture tour. Richie was stricken just before a scheduled stop in New York, where for Criterion DVD he was recording reissues of the films of Akira Kurosawa, Japan's internationally-acclaimed movie director whose works include "Rashomon" (1950) and "Seven Samurai" (1954).



Donald Richie

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala: **Héctor Ramirez**, 62, a reporter for Guatemala's Channel 7 television station, died July 24 while covering riots protesting a Supreme Court injunction that temporarily barred former Guatemalan leader Efraín Ríos Montt from running for president.

HAVANA: Cuba's high court this summer upheld the 20-year sentences given to independent journalists **Raul Rivero** and **Ricardo Gonzalez**. They were among 75 Cubans sent to prison on charges of working with and receiving

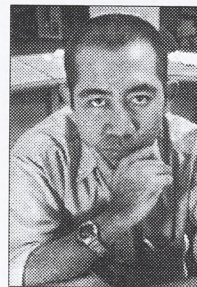
money from the U.S. government to undermine Fidel Castro's government.

HONG KONG: Two OPC members were elected correspondent governors on the new board of the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents' Club this spring: **Jim Laurie**, Star Group Television News, and **Mark Clifford**, *Business Week's* Asia regional editor. Even though based in Hong Kong, Jim served a couple of terms on the OPC board. **Kate Pound Dawson**, Voice of America, was elected president of the club that is celebrating the 60th anniversary of its founding in Chungking, China. Others elected to one-year terms include immediate past president **Thomas Crampton**, *International Herald Tribune*, first vice president; **Kevin Egan**, Baskerville Chambers, re-elected second vice president; correspondent governors **Tyler Marshall**, *Los Angeles Times*; **Iareia Maria Sala**, *Le Monde*; and freelancers **Paul Bayfield**, **C. P. Ho**, **Barry Kalb** and **Anthony Lawrence**; and journalist governors **Francis Moriarty**, Hong Kong's RTHK, and freelance writer **Stuart Wolfendale**. In September, the club is holding its annual Charity Ball to raise scholarship funds for needy Hong Kong children.



Kate Dawson

JAKARTA: "In the boldest tradition of tabloid newspapers, Mr. Supratam, the editor of one of this nation's raciest papers, is not afraid of outrageous headlines spread across the front page in mile-high type," **Jane Perlez** of *The New York Times* wrote in a dispatch from Jakarta. So Indonesian President Megawati



Supratam

Sukarnoputri is suing the editor of *Rakyat Merdeka* (People Freedom) for criminal defamation. She cited four headlines that were written during protests against government plans to raise fuel prices. One headline proclaimed: "Mega's Mouth Reeks of Fuel Oil." Another likened her to a "leech." Another compared her to a cannibal from Java. Like many Indonesians, the 34-year-old

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editor of the 300,000 circulation daily uses only one name, **Supratam**.

LOS ANGELES: OPC member **Jim Colligan**, a former Catholic News Service correspondent in Tokyo, is working with a Los Angeles Police Department organization that makes recommendations to the city council for improving the city's depressed areas. His survey area is downtown Los Angeles. **Charlie LeDuff** of *The New York Times* described the area where Colligan works: "The eastern quarter of downtown Los Angeles is a cattle pen, an outdoor outhouse, a human calamity. It is the largest concentration of homelessness in the country."

Jim, a Roman Catholic priest who helps out in a couple of parishes on weekends, told "People" he misses opportunities to report and photograph news and feature events as he did in his travels through Asia. The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan made him a life member for his many years contributing to *No. 1 Shimbun*, the Club's monthly publication.

Former OPC member **Jerry Flint**, 72, won a \$2,000 Gerald Loeb Award this summer for his *Forbes* magazine automotive column, "Backseat Driver." In an E-mail message, he told OPC Executive Director **Sonya K. Fry**: "I'm a pretty good writer, because I write as I speak, simply and strongly." The award is administered by the Anderson School of Journalism at the University of California at Los Angeles. Jerry's wife, **Kate McLeod**, handles advertising for *Date-line*, the OPC's annual journal.

MOSCOW: CBS Moscow Bureau Chief Beth Knobel met OPC Executive Director Sonya Fry at the Pushkin Museum in Moscow in July. The two have worked together on the Artyom Borovik Award, coordinating the



Beth Knobel and Sonya Fry

Moscow and New York ends of the judging process respectively, but they had never actually met. Sonya was on vacation touring Russia on a river cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg, but the tours were so tightly scheduled that Beth had to join the group at the Pushkin Museum. They can now put a voice and a face to the name at the other end of the email.

NEW YORK: In the wake of **Jayson Blair's** phony reporting and the resignations that followed, *The New York Times* made a slew of editorial appointments this summer. After he was appointed executive editor in July, **Bill Keller**, 54, told his staff that



Bill Keller

essayist **E. B. White** said he rose every day torn between a desire to save the world and savor it. Keller added that many journalists have an itch to save the world but could benefit from "a little more savoring," the *New York Daily News* wrote.

David Brooks, 41, a frequent contributor to *The Times*, was appointed an Op-Ed columnist. He has been a senior editor at *The Weekly Standard*, contributing editor at *Newsweek* and *The Atlantic Monthly*, and a regular commentator on the "NewsHour" with Jim Lehrer, National Public Radio and CNN's "Late Edition."

Alex Jones, a former *Times* correspondent and co-author of "The Trust," a history of the newspaper, told **Paul Colford**, a *Daily News* business writer, that Keller differs from his predecessors in one key respect: "He's not as tightly wound. He may enjoy the job more." Referring to *The Times* shakeup after **Jayson Blair** resigned under charges of false reporting, **Arthur Gelb**, a veteran Timesman and former managing editor, told the *Daily News*: "I think Bill will become what's exactly needed now—the healer."

To succeed managing editor **Gerald M. Boyd**, who resigned after Blair quit amid charges of plagiarism, Keller appointed **Jill Abramson** and **John M. Geddes**, the first time the paper has had two managing editors. Abramson, 49, *The Times'* first female Washington bureau chief, now is the highest-ranking *Times* newsroom woman in the paper's 151-year history. Geddes, 51, the paper's former deputy managing editor, earlier worked for *The Wall Street Journal* on



Jill Abramson



John M. Geddes

assignments that included Bonn bureau chief and managing editor of *The Wall Street Journal/Europe* in Brussels. Abramson, managing editor for news gathering, serves as Keller's deputy on matters relating to the daily news report. Geddes is managing editor for news operations including production, budgeting and staffing.

Replacing Abramson, **Philip Taubman**, 55, deputy editor of the *Times* editorial page and the paper's Moscow correspondent and bureau chief, 1985-1988, was appointed Washington bureau chief.



Philip Taubman



Andrew Rosenthal

OPC Board member **Andrew Rosenthal**, 47, was name deputy editorial page editor. Joining *The Times* from the AP in 1987, Rosenthal started as a *Times* Washington correspondent, then Washington editor, foreign editor, national editor and assistant managing editor. He commented: "Every job I'd ever been in involved running as fast as I could towards tonight's deadline. The idea of doing something different like this, which is more about the mind than the feet, was pretty exciting." Andrew is the son of **Abe Rosenthal**, a former *Times* executive editor.

Adam Moss, 46, editor of *The New York Times Magazine*, was named the paper's assistant managing editor for features, a new post. Since he joined the magazine in 1993, the magazine has won two OPC awards.



Adam Moss

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Columbia University in August announced winners of the Kurt Schork Awards in International Journalism, awarded for exceptional reporting on controversial issues and named for a freelance journalist killed in an ambush in Sierra Leone in 2000. They are **Elizabeth Rubin**, a freelance journalist whose reports from dangerous regions included the career of a Hamas bomb maker and origins of Islamic groups in Iraq's Kurdish region, and **Asha Krishnakumar**, a reporter for India's *Frontline* magazine, who covered child bondage in the silk-weaving industry and medical malpractice in kidney commerce. Honorable mentions went to **Andrew Meldrum** for his reporting from Zimbabwe for *The Guardian*; **Sabrina Tavernise**, a judge in this year's OPC Artjom Borovik Award, for her *New York Times* Russian coverage; **Massoud Ansari** for his Newsline reporting on the kidnapping of **Daniel Pearl**; and **Adrian Liviu Avram** for reporting on government corruption in Romania.

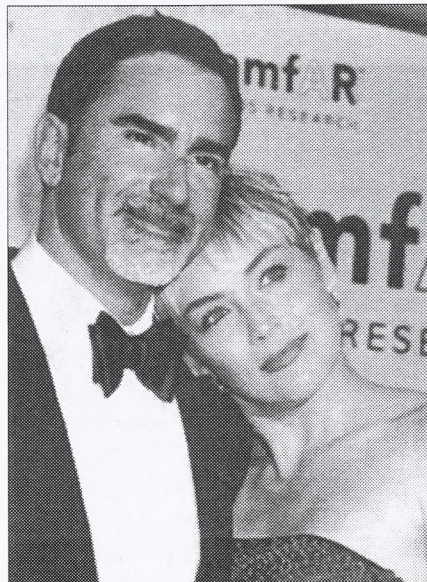
◆
Inspired in part by 9/11, Canadian-born **Peter Jennings**, 65, an ABC News anchorman in London before he became the network's news anchor and senior editor in New York, now is a U.S. citizen. He received U.S. citizenship May 30 after passing the required test on his knowledge of U.S. institutions. "It would have been a little unsettling if I, who just finished a big TV series and book about America had failed," Jennings, co-author of "In Search of America", told **Stephen Battaglio** of the *New York Daily News*. "Canada's ingrained in my soul. But this is my home. I have worked for ABC for four decades and lived here for three. Over time, my respect for this country has turned into affection. I'm very grateful for what America has meant for me." Jennings was born in Toronto and started his broadcasting career in Canada. Press reports said he started considering dual citizenship after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, feeling a deeper connection to the United States.

◆
AP reported this summer that 27 of its journalists have been killed while on

assignment since the news service was founded in 1848. Latest to die on the job was **Nazeh Darwazeh**, 43, who was killed April 19 while filming a confrontation between Israeli soldiers and Palestinians in Nablus, West Bank. A Palestinian, Darwazeh joined a PLO faction when he was a teenager. In 1979, several months after arriving in Amman to study economics at Jordan University, he was arrested because of his activism and sentenced to 7 1/2 years in prison. In 1994 after working in one of his family's photo studios, he was hired as a cameraman by Palestine TV and joined AP Television News two years ago.

◆
AP correspondents on the move: **Hrvoje Hranjski**, from Cairo to Manila; **Tanalee Smith**, New York to Cairo; **Matt Moore**, New York to Stockholm; **Kimberlie R. Gamel**, Stockholm to New York; **Gregory J. Bull** and **Julia L. Watson**, Monterrey, Mexico, to New York; **William Clendenning**, New York to São Paulo; **Charles Dharapak**, Jakarta to Washington; **David Guttenfelder**, Tokyo to New Delhi; **Margie A. Mason**, San Francisco to Hanoi; **Diego Santos**, London to New York; and **Jamie L. Tarabay**, Jerusalem to Sydney.

◆
SAN FRANCISCO: **Phil Bronstein**, 52, executive editor of the *San Francisco Chronicle* and a former correspondent in El Salvador and the Philippines, in July filed for divorce from movie actress Sharon Stone, 44, citing irreconcilable differences. In a joint statement, they called it an "amicable and mutual dissolution." Before joining the *Chronicle*,



Phil Bronstein and Sharon Stone

Bronstein was a reporter and foreign correspondent for the *San Francisco Examiner*, 1980-1990, winning an OPC award. Bronstein and Stone were married in 1998 (March 1998 *Bulletin*) and have a 3-year-old son Roan.

◆
SANTO DOMINGO: The daily newspaper *Ultima Hora* ceased publication in June due to financial problems, causing concern about press freedom in the Dominican Republic. **Rafael Molina**, chairman of the Inter-American Press Association's [IAPA] Committee on Freedom of the Press and Information, said: "The shutting down of a news media outlet always brings with it great concern, due to the fact that it reduces the plurality of information that is so essential to freedom of the press. This is of even greater concern given that the decision was made while the paper is under official receivership [and IAPA will keep a close watch] on this process so as to be sure that press freedom is not besmirched." *Ultima Hora* is owned by Banco Intercontinental, a bank group that was placed under official receivership on accusations of alleged irregularities and accounting violations. Another newspaper in the group, *El Financiero*, ceased publication earlier.

◆
TOKYO: Photos made in Japan around the time of Pearl Harbor were displayed in the Foreign Correspondents' Club (FCCJ) this summer and cited as a conflict between journalism and propaganda that remains relevant today. **Jason Testar**, a freelance correspondent for the Canadian Broadcasting System, who bought the 1939-1942 photos at a Tokyo antique shop last year, told the Club's magazine: "At that time in history the line between journalism and propaganda was a fine one. In light of our changing world and recent events, it is one which we as journalists must be every watchful of." The photos were published in the *Yomiuri Shimbun*, a Japan national daily, while Japan was preparing for and carrying out its attacks on U.S. and British bases in the Pacific.

◆
Myron Belkind, AP's Tokyo bureau chief, was elected president of the FCCJ in June, defeating **Anthony Rowley** of Singapore's *Business Times*. Belkind joined AP in 1962 and, before Tokyo, was based in Singapore, New Delhi and London. Other officers and board mem-

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bers elected to one-year terms that started July 1: **Daniel Sloan**, Reuters, 1st vice president; **Haruko Watanabe**, *Media*



Myron Belkind, *Report to Women*, 2nd vice president; **Nobuko Hara**, the London's *Times Educational Supplement*, secretary; **Georges Baumgartner**, Swiss Radio and Television, treasurer; and directors **James Treece**, *Automotive News*; **Monzurul Huq**, *Daily Prothom Alo*; **Yoshisuke Iinuma**, *Tokyo Keizai*; and **Dennis Normile**, *Science*.

New FCCJ members: **Dawn Matus**, freelance writer and editor and a former Tokyo correspondent for Bloomberg News; **Steve McClure**, *Billboard*; and **Chiazetta Zucconi**, of *Il Sole 24 Ore*.



Dawn Matus

VIENTIANE: Nine days after they were sentenced to 15-year prison terms, French news cameraman **Vincent Reynaud**, Belgian photographer **Thierry Falise** and the Rev. Mua Naw Kari, an ethnic Hmong-American pastor in St. Paul, Minnesota, were released from prison and put on a flight to Bangkok. Authorities investigating the murder of a village security guard arrested the three men in June. Tried in July, they were charged with involvement in the guard's death, possession of explosives, drugs and war weapons, and obstructing justice. AP quoted family members as saying the men were tried, convicted and sentenced in two and a half hours. The guard was killed while the two Europeans and their interpreter were meeting with Hmong hill tribesmen who are carrying out armed opposition to the Laotian government (July/August *Bulletin*). Laos' ambassador to Thailand, Hiem Phommachanh, said the three men each paid a fine of \$1,000 to the Laotian government and a combined \$8,000 in compensation to the family of the dead man.

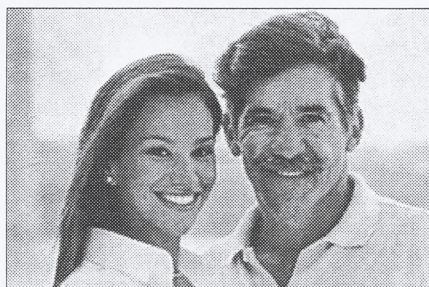
WASHINGTON: **Mary Jordan**, 42, and **Kevin Sullivan**, 43, co-chiefs of *The*

Washington Post's Mexico City bureau, won the 2003 Sigma Delta Chi award for excellence in journalism for their articles on Mexico's troubled criminal justice system. They also received this year's Pulitzer Prize for international reporting and an OPC citation (May *Bulletin*).

Philip P. Pan, 32, a *Washington Post* correspondent in Beijing, won this year's \$10,000 international Livingston Award for Young Journalists for his articles on labor abuses in China's transition to capitalism. Awards for international, national and local reporting are given to journalists under age 35 by the Mollie Parnis Livingston Foundation.

WEDDINGS

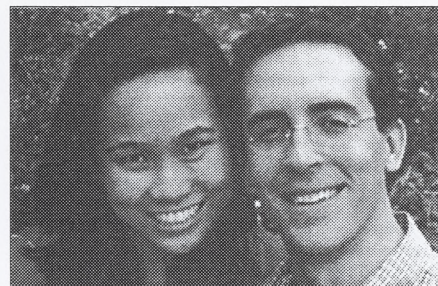
Geraldo Rivera, 60, a Fox News correspondent who was kicked out of Iraq during the war for allegedly breaking U.S. military security, and **Erica Levy**, 28, were married Aug. 10 in New York City's Central Synagogue. The bride is executive producer of Rivera's Travel Channel program, "Geraldo's Voyager: From Roots to the Rain Forest."



Erica Levy and Geraldo Rivera

Janine di Giovanni, senior foreign correspondent for the *Times* of London and a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*, and **Bruno Girodon**, a correspondent for France 2 Television based in the Ivory Coast, were married Aug. 9 in a civil ceremony in St. Guillaume, France, followed by a Roman Catholic ceremony in St. Paul-les Monestier. The bride's report on Kosovo was one of two articles cited when *Vanity Fair* won a 2000 National Magazine Award for reporting. She is the author of "The Quick and the Dead: Under Siege in Sarajevo."

Josh Gerstein, 33, Beijing correspondent for ABC News, and **June Shih**, 31, were married August 2 at the headquarters of the American Horticultural Society in Alexandria, Virginia. A freelance writer, Shih was a speech writer for President Bill Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton from 1995-2000.



June Shih and Josh Gerstein

Andrea Gerlin, 40, *The Philadelphia Inquirer's* London bureau chief, and **Austin Charles Dunn**, 30, manager of technological risk management in the London office of Deloitte & Touche, were married June 26 in the Selwyn College Chapel at Cambridge University in England.

Alexandra Ursula (Sascha) Schmitz, 35, New York TV reporter for ARD, a German media company, and **Michael Norbert Storfner**, 34, New York correspondent for Bloomberg News' German language service, were married June 26 at Transfiguration Roman Catholic Church in New York. Before New York, Sascha was an intern with NDR TV in Germany and a correspondent for



Sascha Schmitz and Michael Storfner
ARD in Beijing.

IN MEMORY

Sir Edward (Pick) Pickering, 91, former executive vice chairman of Times Newspapers, publishers of the *Times* of London and the *Sunday Times*, died Aug. 8 at his home in London. After working as a reporter on newspapers in Middlesbrough, Newcastle and Manchester, Pickering became chief sub-editor of London's *Daily Mail* at age 26. After military service in World War II, he held executive positions at several London newspapers before joining *The Times*: managing editor of the *Daily Mail*, editor of the *Daily Express*, editorial director of the *Daily Mirror* and chairman of the Mirror Group Newspapers.

◆
David Webster, 72, a former BBC official who helped several East European countries develop independent broadcasting services, died of heart failure Aug. 6 at his home in Washington, D.C. In 1988 after France limited the number of American programs on its television, Webster founded and chaired the Trans-Atlantic Dialogue on Broadcasting, an organization to promote U.S.-European debate on broadcast and information issues. After the collapse of Communism, the group helped draw up broadcasting regulations in the Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Hungary and Macedonia. Born in England, Webster joined BBC in 1953, serving in England and the United States. For eight years until retiring in 1985, he was a member of BBC's board of management. His wife, journalist and author **Elizabeth Drew**, survives.

◆
Roberto Marinho, 98, who built his father's newspaper, *O Globo* of Rio de Janeiro, into a media empire, died in a Rio hospital Aug. 6 after suffering a stroke. The 13 stations and affiliates of his TV Global channel reach more than 99 percent of Brazilian homes, **Tony Smith** of *The New York Times* reported from São Paulo. Marinho started in the news business at age 20 when his father died, leaving him in charge of *O Globo*. The daily was founded by his family in 1925 just three weeks before his father's death. Marinho worked first as a reporter and editor until becoming editor-in-chief in 1931. Although a supporter of Brazil's 1964 military coup, he refused to deliver up left-wing journalists the military government said had infiltrated his newspaper. Marinho said, "I will take care of my own Communists." None of his reporters were turned over to the government, fired or disciplined—only edited.

◆
Donald Goddard, 75, who worked as an editor and writer for *The New York Times* on both sides of the Atlantic, died of pancreatic cancer Aug. 3 at his home in Burgess Hill, Sussex, England. In the 1960s and 1970s, Goddard, a native of London, was a *New York Times Magazine* editor in New York. Then he

returned to England, from where he contributed to *The Times Book Review* and the paper's travel section. Goddard wrote several books about organized crime.



Jinx Falkenburg and Tex McCrary

◆
Tex McCrary was called by *The New York Times* "a legendary public relations man and political strategist." In 1952, he conducted a campaign to convince General Dwight D. Eisenhower, then NATO's supreme commander, to run for president. His big-money clients included *The Herald Tribune*, Chris-Craft, Learjet, the Argentine government, and developers, builders and entrepreneurs including William Zeckendorf, William Levitt and Samuel J. LeFrak. McCrary and his wife, actress Jinx Falkenburg, popularized the talk-show format with two radio programs, often interviewing famous guests in the Waldorf-Astoria's Peacock Alley; a five-day-a-week TV show; and a syndicated column in *The New York Herald Tribune*.

A casual introduction by McCrary led to a romance in **John Rich's** family. Shortly after World War II, McCrary visited Tokyo, where he met Rich, then an NBC News correspondent. Later John, now an OPC member, introduced Tex to his twin boys, Nathaniel (Nate) and Whitney. During the twins' visit to McCrary's New York office, Tex introduced one of his staff, Miss Ming Shu of Taiwan, to Nate. Ming Shu and Nate now are married and living in Taiwan, where he is a businessman.

From Yale University, McCrary joined *The New York World Telegram* as a copy boy, later a reporter before becoming chief editorial writer at *The New York Daily Mirror*. After Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as a photographer and public relations colonel in the Mediterranean theater. He led a group of correspondents to

Hiroshima in 1945 to see the results of the atom bomb. But he advised the reporters not to write about the destruction, because he did not believe Americans could stand "what we've done here."

Living in an apartment near the World Trade Center, McCrary was knocked off his feet when two hijacked planes crashed into the Twin Towers, but he was able to take pictures of the 9/11 destruction before he was moved temporarily to a hospital. He then lived in Huntington, N.Y., with his son, Michael McCrary before settling into an apartment above a bar on New York City's West 47th Street. A table in a back corner of the bar was reserved for him at lunch every day, and there he met old friends.

John R. (Tex) McCrary died of cancer in an assisted living facility July 29 at age 92. His last birthday party was held in New York City this past November. Guests included OPC members **Andy Rooney** and **Mike Wallace** of CBS News "60 Minutes," as well as Rich. Turning down requests to write his autobiography, McCrary said: "I don't want to live what life I have left in the rear-view mirror." Asked what he wanted written as his epitaph, he replied: "To be continued."

◆
Trevor Nelson, 34, a CBS News "60 Minutes" producer, died of complications from viral meningitis July 24 in a Boston hospital. Nelson produced reports for correspondent **Steve Kroft** including national security issues after 9/11. During the "60 Minutes" Aug. 10 broadcast, Kroft recapped Nelson's career, calling him an intelligent and effective producer.

◆
John Aubuchon, 57, immediate past president of the National Press Club and a Vietnam War correspondent, died July 23 at a Washington, D.C., hospital of lung cancer.

He was chairman of the club's Freedom of the Press Committee when he died. Serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, Aubuchon was a reporter for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. He was White House correspondent for Tribune Broadcasting during Presidents Reagan, Bush I and Clinton administrations, and in 1996 joined Maryland

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John Aubuchon

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Public Television as a senior correspondent. Early in his career, he was a broadcast journalist for UPI Radio, Metromedia Radio News and Washington's WTOP Radio and Channels 7 and 9.

◆
Mamdouh Mahran, 58, an Egyptian editor who sparked riots with an article that alleged a sex scandal involving a Coptic Christian Orthodox monk, died in Egypt July 13 of a heart attack while serving a three-year prison term. In 2001, Mahran, then editor of the weekly *Al-Nabaa*, published an article claiming a monk had been having sex with women in a monastery and then blackmailing them (September 2001 *Bulletin*). The church said the man was no longer a monk and denied that any sex occurred inside the monastery. Headlined "Monastery Turned Into Brothel," the article touched off demonstrations by hundreds of Copts, and Mahran was arrested and convicted on charges of publishing material that undermined public security.

◆
Gary MacEoin, 94, a journalist and author who wrote about the Roman Catholic Church and social conditions in Latin America, died July 9 in a Leesburg, Virginia, rehabilitation center where he had been recuperating from a fall. Born in Ireland, MacEoin studied for the priesthood, was admitted to the Irish bar, and worked as a reporter, feature writer and critic in Dublin and London before becoming editor of a Trinidad newspaper in 1944. Later he held editorial positions at Spanish and Portuguese publications in New York, and contributed to *Time*, *Life*, Reuters, and other news agencies and newspapers. He was an adjunct professor at Fordham and Fairleigh Dickinson Universities and lectured at Columbia and other universities. From 1954-1963, he was the U.N. representative of the International Catholic Press Union, an organization of Catholic journalists. MacEoin wrote, edited and contributed to more than two dozen books.

◆
Gertrude Samuels, 93, a photojournalist who reported from Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia, died July 2 at her New York City home. She covered national and foreign affairs for the *New Post*, *Newsweek* and *Time* before working for *The New York Times Magazine* as a writer, photographer and editor in the

1940s. She turned to freelance writing in 1975 and, until a few years ago, was a United Nations correspondent for *The New Leader* magazine. Samuels covered displaced persons camps in post-war Europe and the birth of Israel. In the 1950s she contributed articles from Southeast Asia, Africa and Korea to magazines including *National Geographic*, *Redbook* and *The Saturday Evening Post*. She wrote about racial unrest in school desegregation in the South, juvenile delinquency in inner cities and drug addiction. Samuels also wrote books for young readers, stage plays, a biography of David Ben-Gurion titled "B-G: Fighter of Goliaths; The Story of David Ben-Gurion" [Crowell, 1961, revised in 1974] and other writings on Israel.



Gertrude Samuels

◆
Tenold (Rob) Sunde, 66, a broadcast news executive whose critique of problems faced by reporter pools in the 1991 Persian Gulf War was followed by the Pentagon's policy of embedding journalists during the Iraq War, died July 1. He wrote the critique while chairman of the Radio-Television News Directors Association that represents news broadcasters in more than 30 countries. Sunde spent his radio and television career with CBS Evening News, CBS Radio, ABC Radio, CNBC and WWOR-TV in Secaucus, New Jersey. For U.S. government agencies, he was a broadcast and academic consultant in South Africa, Malawi, the Philippines, Slovenia, Russia, Kosovo and Albania, and was a professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

◆
Martha Hensley Heffernan, 88, widow of United Press diplomatic correspondent **Stewart Hensley**, died of congestive heart failure June 26 at a nursing home in East Dennis, Massachusetts, where she had a summer home. Born in Columbia, Missouri, she was raised in Shanghai, where her father, **John B. Powell**, edited and published the *China Weekly Review*. She was a reporter for the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* in the mid-1930s. Her husband covered the China-Burma-India theater during World War II and, as UP's chief State Department reporter, traveled on overseas trips by Presidents

Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon, usually teamed with the late White House correspondent **Merriman Smith**. Hensley died in 1976. Eleven years ago, Martha married John W. Heffernan, who survives, and they lived in Boca Grande, Florida, and East Dennis.

◆
Rosalie (Rollie) McKenna, 84, who bought her first camera for a reporting trip to Europe and became a published portrait photographer, died June 14 in Northampton, Massachusetts. McKenna was working as a researcher for *Time* and *Life* 54 years ago, specializing in literary and artistic events, when she bought her first camera in Paris.



Rollie McKenna

From the 1950s into the 1980s, she photographed the famous including Dylan Thomas, Truman Capote, T. S. Eliot, Edith Sitwell, Sylvia Plath, Ezra Pound, Robert Frost, Eleanor Roosevelt, Leonard Bernstein and James Earl Jones. Her portraits were published in national magazines and books, and her autobiography, "A Life in Photography," was published by Knopf in 1991.

◆
Doon Campbell was born with one arm. Typing with his right hand, he covered wars from World War II to Indochina, reported around the world from France to India and became editor of Reuters. Landing with British marine commandos on Sword Beach during the 1944 D-Day Normandy landings, Campbell filed a dispatch with this headline: "A Ditch 200 Yards Inside Normandy." From Europe, he moved to China, reporting from Chiang Kai-shek's wartime headquarters in Chungking. Campbell interviewed Mao Zedong before the communist victory, and in India he scored a seven-minute beat on the 1948 assassination of Mahatma Gandhi with this cable flash to London: "MAN FIRED FOUR SHOTS AT GANDHI POINTBLANK RANGE WORST FEARED." While covering Indochina wars, he was said to have coined the phrase "bamboo curtain," although he was later reported not to have remembered doing so. Campbell's autobiography, "Magic Mistress, A 30-Year Affair With Reuters" [Tagman Press], is a "vibrant recounting of his life in the front seat of the late 20th century,"

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Jeff Seidel



Richard Johnson

collected in "Portraits of War: The people of the Iraq war, one sketch at a time" [Detroit Free Press]. Seidel, 36, is a staff writer at the *Detroit Free Press*, and Johnson, 37, who was born in Scotland, is a *Free Press* illustrator who maintains that drawing is easier than working for a living.

In the introduction, OPC member **Joe Galloway**, whose Vietnam War book, "We Were Soldiers Once...and Young" was made into a Hollywood movie, wrote: "The tradition of **Howard Brodie** [combat correspondent in World War II, Korea, and the



Joe Galloway

FILM SCREENING

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forgotten in this country for her achievements," said her editor, Aengus Fanning. "She did her job as she should have done it and for that she was killed."

Produced by Jerry Bruckheimer of "Black Hawk Down" fame, the film was shot entirely in Ireland and opened in Britain earlier this year. OPC Board member Jane Ciabattari arranged for the screening through the Donna Daniels Public Relations firm. The film will be shown at the Paramount Screening Room, 1515 Broadway (entrance on 45th Street), 3rd floor on Tuesday, September 30 at 7:00pm. A reception will follow the screening. Reservations are essential. Please call the OPC office at 212-626-9220.

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Jonathan Sharp wrote in the monthly magazine of the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Hong Kong. Campbell died in

French and American Vietnam Wars] and **Bill Mauldin**, and of **Winslow Homer's** stunning Civil War art for *Harper's Weekly*, is alive and well and safe in the drawings of **Richard Johnson**, and the words of **Jeff Seidel**. From an aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf to the sand-choked camps in the Kuwaiti desert to a Marine column clanking and crunching north toward Baghdad, Richard and Jeff used their eyes, their hands, their ears, their art to portray the faces of war, American and Iraqi."

The Knight-Ridder newspapers hired Galloway, 61, to provide guidance to its reporters who covered the war in Iraq. "We had more correspondents in Iraq than any organization, 32 embedded reporters and 10 others," Joe told "People" in August. Then he was off to Annapolis, Maryland, to lecture to the incoming class of plebes at the U.S. Naval Academy on the military and the media. During the Iraqi war, Joe wrote

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London. He was released on \$100,000 bond. Braude is the author of "The New Iraq: Rebuilding the Country for its People, the Middle East & the World."

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During a British government inquiry into the suicide of scientist David Kelly, 59, a former weapons inspector, BBC reporters Andrew Gilligan and Susan Watts produced notes of their interviews with Kelly in which he said Tony Blair's government exaggerated the Iraqi threat of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons before the war started. Kelly committed suicide after he was identified as the source for Gilligan's BBC broadcast that suggested the government overstated Iraq's threat.

American troops who shelled the Palestine Hotel in Baghdad April 8, killing two journalists, were justified in firing at what they believed was an enemy position, the U.S. Central Command said after conducting an inquiry. A command statement said the American tank "properly fired upon a suspected enemy hunter/killer team in a proportionate and justifiably measured response." Killed were Taras Protsyuka, a Reuters cameraman, and José Couso, a cameraman for Spain's Telecinco. The U.S. soldiers said they were fired at from the hotel where correspondents stayed before returning fire.

analytical articles for Knight-Ridder, and after the war the newspaper group put him on staff as its senior military correspondent. He writes a weekly column on military and national security affairs. Right out of high school, no college, Joe reported for *The Victoria (Texas) Advocate* (circulation 35,000), joined United Press in Kansas City, then a UP correspondent in Topeka, Kansas, the Vietnam War, Tokyo, Jakarta, New Delhi, Singapore and Moscow until joining *U.S. News & World Report* as a senior writer in Washington. Last year he worked as a speech writer for U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell.

NORTH AMERICA

EVEN before it reached bookstores, sensational gossip in "The Kennedy Curse" by OPC member **Edward Klein** landed the book on AP's national wires, national television and in many newspapers. The book says the marriage of John F. Kennedy Jr. and Carolyn Bessette was crumbling before they were killed in 1999 when the plane Kennedy was piloting crashed off Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Excerpts from the book were published in *Vanity Fair*, where Klein is a contributing editor, and national media picked up juicy quotes. John to a friend: "We've become like total strangers. I've had it with her. It's got to stop. Otherwise we're headed for divorce." John to his wife: "You're a cokehead." John to a friend: "I want to have kids, but whenever I raise the subject with Carolyn, she turns away and refuses to have sex with me." When John telephoned that their flight to Martha's Vineyard was being delayed by her dalliance at a beauty salon while having her toenails painted and repainted to get a precise shade of purple, Carolyn snapped: "The more times you call me, the longer it's going to take." The book claims John and Carolyn were living apart when they were killed, that he had caught her snorting cocaine and both suspected each other of having affairs.



Carolyn Bessette and John F. Kennedy Jr.

New Books

GLOBAL

OPC member **Barrett McGurn's** next book won't come out for another two years, but it's already getting notice. "Yank: Voice of the Greatest Generation" [Golden, Colorado: Fulcrum Publishing]. *Yank* was a weekly magazine published by the U.S. War Department during World War II. With headquarters in New York City, *Yank* was produced by



Barrett McGurn then **Barrett McGurn now**

enlisted men correspondents filing from every battle front—writers, photographers and cartoonists who were privates, corporals and sergeants. With a weekly circulation of 2,250,000, "*Yank* was the first periodical to achieve global publication, reaching troops on six continents in a timely fashion," according to a blurb for the book, scheduled for publication in 2005.

McGurn was a *Yank* combat correspondent, wounded on Bougainville in the Solomon Islands. He joined the *New York Herald Tribune* before the war. One of his first assignments was to interview Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli in 1936 when

the then Vatican secretary of state, later Pope Pius XII, arrived in New York from Rome. After the war, McGurn spent 16 years with the *New York* and *Paris Herald Tribune*; then became a U.S. foreign service officer in Rome, Saigon and Washington; and later public information director for the U.S. Supreme Court. He was president of the OPC 1963-1965.

In Washington this summer, the *Cosmos Club Bulletin* published some of McGurn's recollections from his days on *Yank*: "Starting in June 1942 and ending in the last week of 1945, we used our cartoon pages to poke fun at second lieutenants and even major generals, left space in each issue for the mailed-in gripes and problems of the thousands in uniform who wanted to air their concerns worldwide, offered wall decorations in the form of a full-page pinup in each issue, and described combat not just as the strategists saw it but especially from the viewpoint of the private man in the mud....As a corporal covering 6 million square miles in the South Pacific, I was free to go where I chose, a travel option such later blooming corporals as Napoleon and Hitler never enjoyed when they were two stripers." Distributed from printing plants in 17 countries to soldier, sailors and marines around the world, *Yank* sold for "five cents a copy on the grounds that no soldier would read a free government handout," McGurn wrote.

MICHAEL Hirsh, a senior editor in *Newsweek's* Washington bureau and the magazine's former foreign editor and chief diplomatic correspondent, believes the United States should use international organizations to improve its global standing. He makes his case in "At

War With Ourselves: Why America Is Squandering Its Chances to Build a Better World" [New York: Oxford University Press]. Hirsh contends that the United States now dominates the United Nations, World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund and the World Bank and can use these organizations to "take the raw edge off American hegemony."

Reviewing the book in *The Washington Post*, **Andrew J. Bacevich**, professor of international relations at Boston University and author of "American Empire: The Realities and Consequences of U.S. Diplomacy," wrote: "The United States suffers at present not from overstretch but from 'understretch.' The imperative is not to trim U.S. commitments but to deepen them. Instead of going it alone, Washington needs to co-opt the international system and manipulate it to our own advantage, albeit while disguising our true purpose....Why would nations like France, China and Russia play along with this charade? Because U.S. hegemony serves their interests too." Hirsh predicts "it is only a matter of time [before radical Islam is] crushed by the tectonics of Westernization."

MIDDLE EAST

EARLY this year the *Detroit Free Press* and Knight Ridder newspapers sent a writer and an artist to cover the war in Iraq. Embedded with the U.S. Marines, they filed from Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait and Iraq. Reporter **Jeff Seidel's** interviews with U.S. military men and women and people of the Middle East, each illustrated with a sketch by **Richard Johnson**, are

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